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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Examiner's official action on the merits in this application, made final and mailed October 24, 2001, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

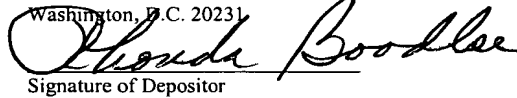
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted  
☒ Prior to the abandonment of the application  
☐ Payment of the issue fee  
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- ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a Petition under § 1.313 has been ☐ filed ☐ granted.
- ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
- ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 USC 145 or ☐ commencement of a civil action under 35 USC 146.
- ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
- ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated.

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☒ An information disclosure Statement  
☒ Form PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☒ An amendment
- ☒ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other.

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 CFR § 1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:

- ☐ Small entity  
(and status is still as small entity) \$370.00
- ☒ Other than a small entity \$740.00

**Request for Continued Examination Fee: \$740.00**

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)			(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	26	MINUS	20	= 6	x \$ 18 =	\$ 108
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$ 84 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$ 108

- ☐ No additional fee is required  
OR  
☐ Total additional fee required is \$108.00.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below.

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 720.00

**FEE: \$920.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

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- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefore of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fees due is/are:

Request for Continued Examination Fee	\$ 740.00
Fees for additional claims (if any)	\$ 108.00
Extension of time fee (if any)	\$ 920.00

TOTAL FEES DUE: \$1,768.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

- ☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$1,768.00.  
☐ Charge Account No. 07-1613 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

**FEE DEFICIENCY**

- ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 07-1613.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 07-1613.

**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

- ☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

**DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION**

10. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

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